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Thirty-fifth meeting of
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL
Wednesday, May 17, 1967, 7:30 P.M.
Northwest National Bank
Community Room, Walnut Hill Shopping Village
DALLAS, TEXAS

PROGRAM: "Numismatic Tour of Europe and Canada"

SPEAKER: MARVIN FRALEY

DISPLAY: Portuguese Coinage -- Jack E. Lewis

ORDERS ACCEPTED FOR:

Australia Changeover Souvenir Set put out by the Australian Government in attractive vinyl case. The set is 12 pieces Y35-Y46 UNC.	\$ 3.00 set
Australia set of new coins (not cased) Y41-Y46 UNC	\$ 1.35 set
Austria Y110 50 Sch. Tyrol XF-AU	\$ 2.25 ea.
1967 25 Sch. M. Theresa PROOF	\$ 1.25 ea.
1967 50 Sch. Mozart PROOF	\$ 2.40 ea.
East Germany 10 Mark Schinkel and 20 Mark Leibnez Commemorative UNC	\$22.50 set
Montenegro Y7 5 Perpera 1909 FINE	\$31.00 ea.
Y17 5 Perpera 1912-14 VF	\$31.00 ea.
Morocco Y33 1 Rial 1331-36 XF (lustre)	\$ 4.65 ea.
Y54 500 Francs 1956 UNC	\$ 4.25 ea.

NOTE WELL--We offered the Morocco Y33 last month but left off the number. All who ordered this coin on faith now know what is due them.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objection is received by June 1 their membership will take effect that date.

183 Violetta B Kelly 5034 Mill Creek Rd.	Peru Dallas, Texas 75234
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THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER: MARVIN L. FRALEY will give a report on his visit with Matthew J. van der Voort, world renowned numismatist, his specialty being Russian Coinage. Marvin will also visit with club member Bill Peters, whose specialty is German Notgeld, now stationed in Bitburg, West Germany. We will anticipate a rather interesting report. He will also report on the European market prices, attitudes on continental numismatics, and about his stopover on the way home to see the Canadian EXPO 67 in Montreal.

THIS MONTH'S MEMBER DISPLAY: JACK E. LEWIS will display the coinage of Portugal, the Yeoman portion being complete.

NEW UP-TO-DATE MEMBERSHIP LIST: In other pages of this bulletin you will find a new membership list. Please check your name, address and collecting specialty and notify the club secretary of any errors.

LATIN-AMERICAN STUDY GROUP: Meets the Thursday preceding the regular NI meeting date at 7:30 P.M. at Rex McGee's Coins and Stamps, 5009 W. Lovers Lane, Dallas. This group meeting is open to all members of NI and their guests.

FUTURE N. I. SPEAKERS:

JUNE: Matthew J. van der Voort of Amsterdam, The Netherlands will stop over in Dallas to address NI on his way home from lecturing and serving as a member of the educational panel of the Convention of International Numismatics (COIN) in Los Angeles June 23-25th. His subject for the evening will be on a very special kind of Russian coinage, the so-called "JEFIMKI", of which he holds some of the rarest specimens. Of course he will bring his collection of these scarce coins to show NI members and their guests.

JULY: Ed Slade - "The Uses of Various Metals in Coinage"

AUGUST: Jim Harris - Subject to be announced.

IMPORTANT -- CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING DATE FOR JUNE -- IMPORTANT

In order to adhere to the traveling schedule of our guest speaker in June, Mr. Matthew J. van der Voort, the Board of Governors has approved the following change of the meeting date:

THE JUNE 1967 MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY (JUNE 28th) INSTEAD OF THE REGULAR THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. THE JULY AND FOLLOWING MEETINGS WILL REVERT BACK TO OUR REGULAR THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

REMEMBER: Circle June 28th on the Calendar for a "must" attendance.

7th EDITION MODERN WORLD COINS: Many changes have occurred in this new book. A detailed study, country by country, will be offered in future issues of the bulletin. Volunteers are requested to assist in this study. If you specialize in one particular area, let us know what countries you will give a study on.

UNEXAGGERATED COIN HUNTER'S LATIN

by Matthew J. van der Voort
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True stories in the story of my collector's career.

If one has unlimited funds at his disposal, it is not difficult to obtain the coins you may want. As time goes by, you certainly will find the coins offered in one of the many catalogs or price lists. But since unfortunately not every coin collector has these unlimited means, we must try to get our coins at prices within our spending scheme and, much better and much more exciting, is to try to trade with other collectors. In this way I obtained many scarce and even rare coins for my collection. But one of the greatest spells of collecting is browsing in antique shops, where, in my experience, once in a while extremely rare coins are to be found and obtained for prices next to nothing.

Some 15 years ago upon a rainy afternoon, when I could spare an hour or so from my then precious time, I entered an antique shop somewhere in Amsterdam and asked for coins. The shopkeeper said he did not know much about coins, this being a too specialized field to him. But, he also said, the other day he had bought some furniture from a family whose 90 year old grandfather had recently died. In a drawer he found a box of silver coins and since he was not a coin dealer and if he could please me, I could buy the lot for 225 guilders cash down. He showed me the box and to my surprise it contained about 30 large size Crowns of the 16th and 17th centuries. I am afraid I betrayed myself, because when I tried to bargain a little at the price, he insisted on the 225 guilders, take it or leave it. I capitulated - of course!!! Coming home, I checked the coins and the first I looked up in the latest auction catalog showed to have fetched \$100.00. By instinct I must have picked the rarest find first! The others were coins at that time worth about 7 to 10 dollars each. I kept the lot for a long enough period to see prices of Crown size coins mount and mount and finally, in 1964 I sold the coins, which were outside my own field of collecting, to a New York dealer for \$1,500.00!

Another example of success by browsing, this time on the Paris' junkmarket, was the unique Russian silverpiece of 15 Kopecks 1861, which I described in Coin World of May 4, 1966.

A third example was my purchase of a rare Russian coin at a dealer's shop before a certain publication on this type of coins was released. I bought the coin, which fitted exactly into my own collection for the Dutch equivalent of \$50.00 and one year later, when the mentioned book was released, I declined an offer of a Swiss dealer of \$1,000.00. This happened to be a so-called "Jefimok" counterstamp on a Thaler 1620 of the Swiss Canton Schaffhausen, of which coin only 2 specimens are known. At the talk I am slated to give for the June meeting of NI in Dallas you will see this coin, among the others of this type; the subject of my talk before NI. From the foregoing it will have become clear to my NI fellow-members that it very often pays off to go on a coin hunt. Good hunting then to all of you!

COINS OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA - A HISTORY

by John Vandigriff

The earliest reference to coinage in the Southern Rhodesia statutes is contained in Ordinance No. 3 of 1891, in terms of which the standard coinage in use in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope became the standard coinage to be used within the territorial limits set out in the Ordinance. This was Fort Tuli in Mashonaland and an area of ten miles around the Fort and the territory North of the 22nd parallel of South latitude, but excluding the territory known as the disputed territory lying between the Shashi and Maccloutsi Rivers, and all territories belonging to the Chief Khama of the Bamangwato and the territory known as the District of the Tati.

By Ordinance No. 6 of 1894, the territorial limits were extended to include the whole of what was later Southern Rhodesia.

In 1910 and 1911 by Royal Proclamation, the following British coins were proclaimed for use in Southern Rhodesia:

<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
5 pound pieces	Half-crown	Penny
2 pound pieces	Florin	Half-penny
Sovereigns	Shilling	Farthing
Half-sovereigns	Sixpence	
	Fourpence	
	Threepence	
	Twopence	
	Penny	

In 1932, the "Coinage Act" of Southern Rhodesia authorized the minting of Southern Rhodesia gold, silver, bronze and cupro-nickel coins of the below listed denominations and also declared current British and Union of South Africa coins to be legal tender.

<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BR. & CU-NI.</u>
Sovereign	Half-crown (2/6)	Penny (1d)
Half-sovereign	Florin (2/-)	Half-penny (1/2d)
	Shilling (1/-)	
	Sixpence (-/6)	
	Threepence (-/3)	

Although provision was made in the Act, no gold coins were minted. The first Southern Rhodesia coins minted under this Act were the 2/6d, 2/-d, 1/-d, 6d, and 3d denominations. They bore the date 1932 and were silver coins of .925 fineness (92.5% silver and 7.5% copper). This first minting included 496 sets of "proof" coins which were sold to collectors.

For their obverse design, these coins bore the crowned effigy of King George the Fifth, consisting of head and bust, wearing the Robe of State with the collar of the Garter and looking to the left, with the inscription "George V, KING - EMPEROR".

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